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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Address: East side of Federal Street (State Route 218),  
1/4 mile north of Main Street (US. Route 1),  
Wiscasset, Lincoln County, Maine.

Present Owner: Town of Wiscasset

Present Occupant: Office (temporary) of school board.

Present Use: The house is for sale by the Board of Selectmen  
of Wiscasset, and if no buyer is found it may be  
demolished.

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This structure, locally referred to as the "Collar  
Box" house, was built in 1855. It is typical of  
octagonal houses built in that era except for  
the connected outbuilding.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Built for Captain  
George Scott. Long known as the Sawyer house.

2. Date of erection: 1855

3. Sources of information: Interview with Miss Mildred  
Burrage, Wiscasset, Maine.

Fannie S. Chase, Wiscasset in Pownalborough (Wiscasset, Maine, 1941),  
p. 565.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: A typical brick building in  
an octagonal shape, but with a wood rear wing.

2. Condition of fabric: Exterior, good; interior, poor.

## B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Octagonal layout; each wall 16'-  
6-1/2" long; two-and-a-half stories.

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2. Foundations: Granite cut stone.
3. Wall construction: Red brick with interlocking joints at corners.
4. Porches: One-story wooden entrance porch.
5. Chimneys: Two brick chimneys.
6. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: Paneled doors in two sides of octagonal main block. Main door in entrance porch has louvered shutters.
  - b. Windows and shutters: One window per floor on each side of the octagonal main block; double hung windows, six-light sash, granite lintels and sills, louvered shutters; small horizontal attic windows with rounded corners, single panes of glass.
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Standard low pitched roof, octagonal shape with asphalt shingles.
  - b. Eaves: Open eaves with exposed outriggers.
  - c. Cupolas: Cupola over center of main block.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: First floor--stair hall in center of the main block, four large and four small rooms around the stair hall; second floor--same as first; rear ell and barn--four rooms.
2. Stairways: One main stair only, open, made of wood, in center hall.
3. Flooring: Wood strips.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster, painted or papered.
5. Doorways and doors: Wood, paneled.
6. Trim: Plain wood molded sections
7. Hardware: Standard metal, not original.

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8. Lighting: Electric

9. Heating: Two fireplaces of brick, now closed.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: Located on east side of Federal Street, facing west, in a residential area, large open lot.

2. Landscaping: Informal.

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